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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 2063

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TAGS: SPOP MILI EGEN EC

SUBJECT: CENSUS BEGINS IN CONCERT WITH DESERTER/
DRAFT DODGER ROUNDUP

1. PHNOM PENH CENSUS WAS KICKED OFF TODAY (FEBUARY 11)
CONCURRENT WITH OPERATION TO PICK UP DESERTERS AND DRAFT
DODGERS. LATTER, HOWEVER, GOT OFF TO SLOW AND CONFUSED
START.

2. EACH OF 1700 REPUBLICAN POLICE CENSUS-TAKERS HAS BEEN
ASSIGNED TO A 50-HOUSE UNIT AND THEY ARE TO COVER ONE
10-HOUSE UNITS EVERY TWO DAYS, COMPLETING CENSUS IN
10 DAYS. RESULTS OF FIRST DAYS WORK WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE
UNTIL TOMORROW.

3. A RADIO AND POSTER PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN PRECEDED THE
CENSUS. ANNOUNCEMENTS NOTED THAT THE CENSUS WOULD HELP
RESOLVE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND SECURITY PROBLEMS AND HAD
BEEN APPROVED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL SECTIONS OF THE
CITY, WHO HAD BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND MEETINGS TO PRESENT
THEIR VIEWS. THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ADDED THAT 2,000 DEPOTS
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WERE BEING CREATED THROUGHOUT THE CITY TO DISTRIBUTE BASIC

NECESSITIES TO THE CIVIL POPULATION.

4. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER THAPPANA NGINN HAS ASSURED US THAT THE OPERATION TO PICK UP DESERTERS AND DRAFT DODGERS BEGAN THIS MORNING DESPITE DELAYS IN ASSEMBLING THE MIXED SECURITY TEAMS. HE PREDICTED HOWEVER, THAT BECAUSE ONLY HALF OF THE NATIONAL GENDARMERIE ELEMENTS ASSIGNED TO THIS TASK HAVE APPEARED FOR DUTY, THE FIRST FEW DAYS RESULTS WILL BE MEAGER. HE EXPRESSED IMPATIENCE WITH THE NATIONAL GENDARMERIE AND INDICATED THAT STEPS WOULD BE TAKEN TO BRING IT INTO LINE.
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